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Resolution Regarding ASUM on Facebook

Whereas, currently 10,312 current and former students of The University of Montana are registered on Facebook;

Whereas, Facebook provides a free and democratic forum for comments, event listing, and campus networking related to the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) and The University of Montana (UM) extended community;

Whereas, Facebook provides an avenue for ASUM and UM alumni to participate and keep track of events, activities, and proceedings related to ASUM and the extended UM community;

Whereas, ASUM currently has an unofficial and effectively defunct Facebook group;

Whereas, the current body of ASUM should be pro-active and forward-looking in efforts to increase accessibility and participation;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM nominate and appoint by majority of two-thirds a member of the current ASUM Senate to the position of ASUM Facebook Administrator. The administrator will be overseen by the ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee.

This Senator will have the unique charge of updating the ASUM Facebook group profile. This forum shall not be used by the Administrator to advance any personal, political, economic profit driven ends or any matter not directly related to ASUM. The ASUM Facebook Administrator shall also be charged with monitoring wall posts for offensive content, limited to and not exceeding:

1) Profane or offensive language.

2) Personal attacks directed towards any member(s) of the student body, alumni or extended UM community.

3) Discriminatory comments based on gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, religion and/or race.

4) Excessive posting of content irrelevant to the Associated Students of The University of Montana, The University of Montana, local, state, national, and/or global affairs.

Let It Be Further Resolved that any member of the student body, alumni, or any interested party who feels unjustly censored bring an appeal before the Senate during the Public Comment period of a regularly scheduled ASUM Senate meeting. Member of the Senate may also make an appeal on grounds of delinquency or unjust censorship during the New Business period of a regularly scheduled ASUM Senate meeting. One appeal will call for floor discussion pursuant to a vote of confidence. A less than two-thirds majority vote will cause for the immediate removal of the current ASUM Facebook Administrator and the appointment of a new ASUM Facebook Administrator.

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